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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EAID, CE

SUBJ: PL-480 FOR SRI LANKA

FOR LAINGEN, NEA

REF: STATE 283762

1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE  
ON PL-480. WE ARE INDEED ANXIOUS ON MATTER AND  
TAKE COMFORT FROM APPARENTLY OPTIMISTIC TONE  
OF YOUR CABLE.

2. CEYLONSE HERE ASK ABOUT PL-480 PROSPECTS  
AND WE REPLY AS JIM LEADER DOES. BUT I AM  
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT WE LOOK PRETTY BAD.  
OTHER AID DONORS HAVE COME THOUGH AND WE HAVE  
NOT. FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING WE HAVE MADE PLEDGES  
IN PARIS WHICH WE HAVE NOT FULFILLED.

3. PRIME MINISTER IS CURRENTLY CAMPAIGNING  
TO AROUSE COUNTRY TO AWARENESS OF BLEAK  
PROSPECTS FOR 1975 AND EXHORTING PEOPLE TO GROW  
MORE FOOD TO STAVE OFF "FAMINE" (HER TERM). WE  
FEEL STONGLY THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR UNITED  
STATES TO FULFILL AT LEAST MAY PLEDGE OF  
WHEAT FLOUR. CEYLONSE CLEARLY NEED THE FLOUR  
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AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY AN AFFIRMATIVE U.S. DECISION

NOW WOULD HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT. FLOUR ITSELF  
WOULD THEN ACTUALLY ARRIVE WHEN SUPPLY SITUATION IS  
EXPECTED TO BE MOST CRITICAL.

4. WE AGREE ENTIRELY WITH YOUR POSITION ON  
U.S. PL-480 RICE (FINAL PARAGRAPH REFTEL).

5. THANKS FOR NEA'S HARD WORK FOR US AND  
BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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